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On Account of the *Grenville* Canal, now carrying on by the Royal Staff Corps - - - - - - - - - - -	15,000
On Account of the *Rideau* Communication between the *Ottawa* and *Kingston* - - - - - - - - - -	120,000
	£. 135,000

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers,
25th June 1828.

GEO. R. DAWSON.

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VII.—ESTIMATE FOR IMPROVING THE

Downing-street,
9th April 1828.

SIR,

I AM directed by Mr. Secretary *Huskisson* to transmit to you an extract of a letter from the Master General of the Ordnance, stating, that by accounts recently received from Lieutenant Colonel By, the officer who is employed in constructing the *Rideau* Canal, it appears that he has entered into very extensive contracts for work to be completed in the present year, and that the Estimate of £.41,000, which has been submitted to Parliament for this Service, would be altogether inadequate to meet the engagements into which Lieutenant Colonel By has entered. Under the circumstances, therefore, which are stated by Lord *Beresford*, Mr. *Huskisson* requests that you will submit to the consideration of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, the propriety of applying to Parliament for a grant of £.120,000 on account of the *Rideau* Canal, in the present year; and if their Lordships concur in this opinion, Mr. *Huskisson* will direct a Supplementary Estimate to be prepared for an additional sum of £.79,000 for this service.

I am, &c.
(sig^{d}) *R. W. Hay.*

G. R. Dawson, Esq.
&c. &c. &c.

Extract of a Letter from Lord BERESFORD to the Right Honourable *William Huskisson*, respecting the *Rideau* Canal; dated 17th March 1828.

"ADVERTING to that part of your letter which limits the Expenditure on the construction of the *Rideau* Canal to the same amount as was voted by Parliament for the last year, I beg to call your attention to a Report from Lieutenant Colonel By, which has come to me since I received your letter, and which I annex hereto. By this you will see, that Lieutenant Colonel By could not have been made acquainted with the intended limitation of expenditure for this year, in sufficient time to prevent his making the contracts he therein communicates to have been completed. Those contracts having been made, and the contractors in all probability having made their arrangements, and even commenced operations, we can only be liberated from those engagements (I speak of those made 1st February last) by very onerous concessions, which would be a dead loss; and you will see that the contracts formerly made are in full execution, and that on these the expenses from the 1st November 1827 to 22d January 1828 (less than three months) is £. 28,614. 7*s*. 2*d*. and these apparently not the best months for working; the expenses on the new contracts must be added to this, when you will see how little way the £. 41,000 you propose this year will go towards defraying the now inevitable expenses, whatever may be determined on, that is, whether you stop those contracts, or go on with them. In short, it is obvious that Lieutenant Colonel By has laid down work for this year that will take about a third of the sum he estimated for the whole, or about £. 140,000 (taking into consideration what has been already expended), as the contracts go to complete the whole in three years from January last."